

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 16th 2008

IRTS AGM 2008 - Galway

The IRTS Annual General Meeting will be hosted this year on the 26th and 27th of April 2008 by the Galway Radio Experimenters Club. The venue is the Salthill Hotel on the prom in Salthill, Galway. See their website for details at www.salthillhotel.com You can also call the hotel on 091 522711 to book accommodation. Rates are 75 Euro per person sharing double room and a single room is 85 Euro to include breakfast. Please mention the Galway Radio Club when booking.

If you prefer B&B, there are ample B&B's in the Salthill area. The IRTS dinner will be held on Saturday evening the 26th of April in the hotel at 8 p.m. with music in the bar afterwards. On Sunday the 27th there will be a rally in the hotel from 11 a.m. with many of the traders that were at the Knock rally attending. Lunch will be available in the hotel and the AGM meeting will be held afterwards in the meeting room upstairs. Salthill is an ideal venue for a family weekend, walk the famous promenade and avail of the many attractions Salthill has to offer, the Sea Aquarium, cafes, restaurants and bars.

The Leisureland swimming complex is beside the hotel and Galway's shopping centres are not too far away. For any help and rally details, contact the club's officers: Damian Commins EI2HG on 086 8316382 or Tom Frawley EI3ER on 086 8224170.

2 Metre Counties Contest

The IRTS 2 Metre Counties Contest will take place on Monday the 24th of March from 2 to 4 p.m. local time. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to take part on the day particularly from some of the rarer counties. Full rules are available on the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie

Limerick Radio Club

The annual Radio, Electronics & Hobbies Fair held by Limerick Radio Club took place last Sunday the 9th of March at the Radisson SAS Hotel. Despite the adverse weather conditions on the day there was a good attendance at the event. The following traders took part: ICOM UK, Yaesu UK, JBT, South East Communications, Long Communications, IRTS & Jos Liefkens. In addition the usual Bring & Buy stalls were

busy, with lots of gear changing hands.

The annual Club raffle was held at the Fair. The Chairman and Committee would like to thank most sincerely Icom UK, Yaesu UK and BHI for their sponsorship of prizes for this.

The Club decided to hold a special sale of surplus equipment at the Fair to help raise funds for the upkeep of the Club's Repeater Systems and other special projects. The Club would like to thank all those who donated items of equipment for the sale and also those who made a financial contribution.

The Chairman and Committee would like to thank all those who attended the Fair, including those of you, who travelled long distances. It is hoped that your journey was worthwhile and that you enjoyed your visit to Limerick. Your continued support for the Fair is most appreciated and the club looks forward to seeing you again next year.

AREN News

A meeting for all AREN members nationwide will take place on Saturday the 12th of April in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. All members are requested to attend. A copy of the Agenda has been circulated to all members.

There have been some changes at the Committee level. Outgoing Finance officer Dave Moore is succeeded by Tim McNight. John Ronan takes over as acting coordinator (pending the appointment of a new National coordinator). John Ketch will remain on the committee in a new role as Secretary while Conor O Neill continues in Operations. Mark Wall stands down as PRO leaving the position open. Declan Horan stands down as Training and recruitment officer. Expressions of interest for these posts are welcomed. We would like to thank Dave, Mark and Declan for their support over the past few years.

Upcoming Rallies

The Church Island Radio Rally will take place at the clubs QTH in the Community Hall, Bellaghy, Co. Derry from 8 to 10 p.m. This will feature a bring and buy sale, various traders, raffles and light refreshments. For information contact John McVeigh MI 0 MIO or visit www.jarg.co.uk

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally takes place on Sunday the 13th of April in the Share Centre, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh. Doors open at noon and the rally will feature a Bring and Buy. Access is available from the Lough Erne/Shannon

Waterway. Food and parking are available on site. For further details contact Alan Gault GI6PYP or visit www.loughneradioclub.co.uk

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 087-6302026 or 051-340850. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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